

A polynomial time algorithm to compute quantum  
invariants of 3-manifolds with bounded first Betti  
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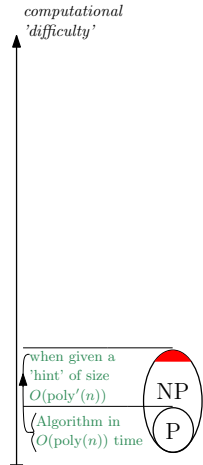
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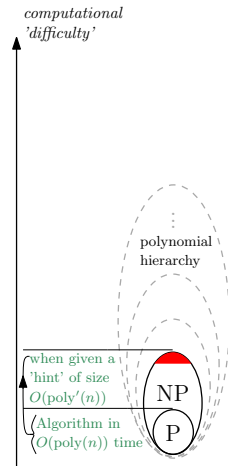


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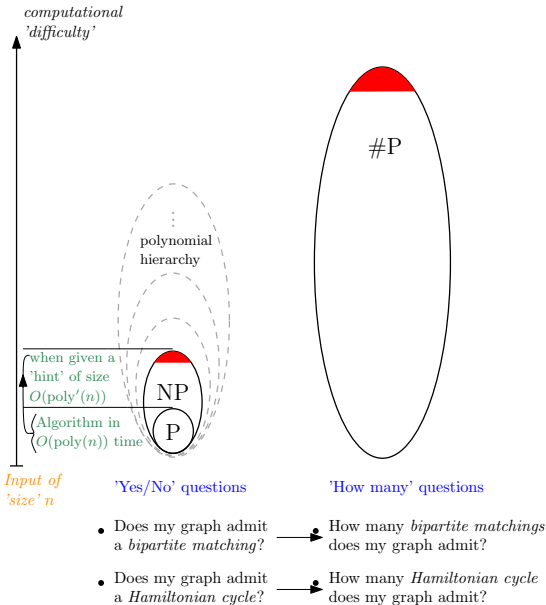


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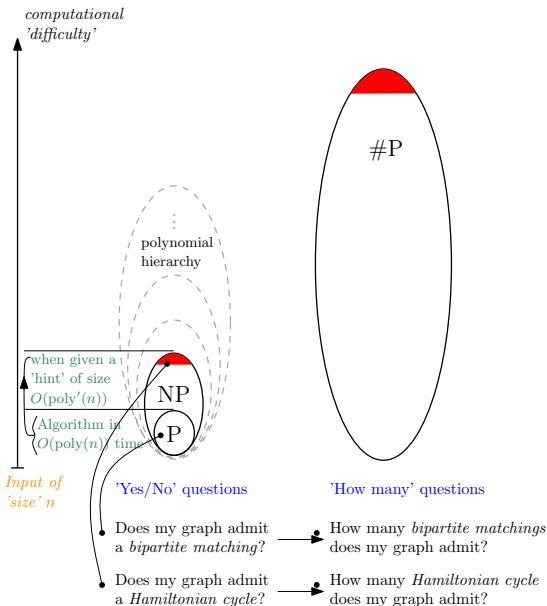
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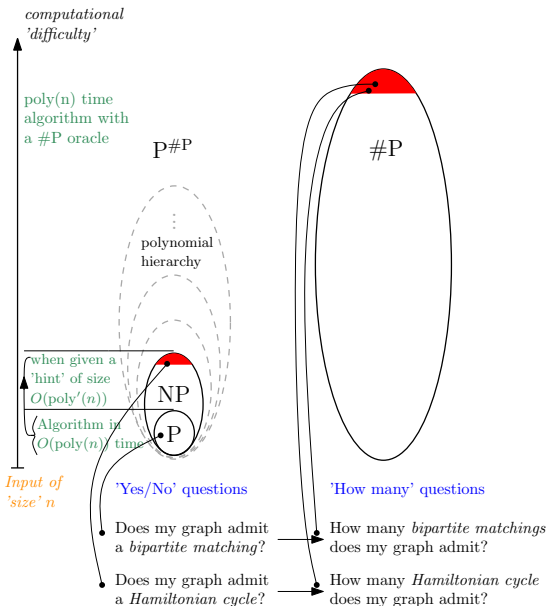


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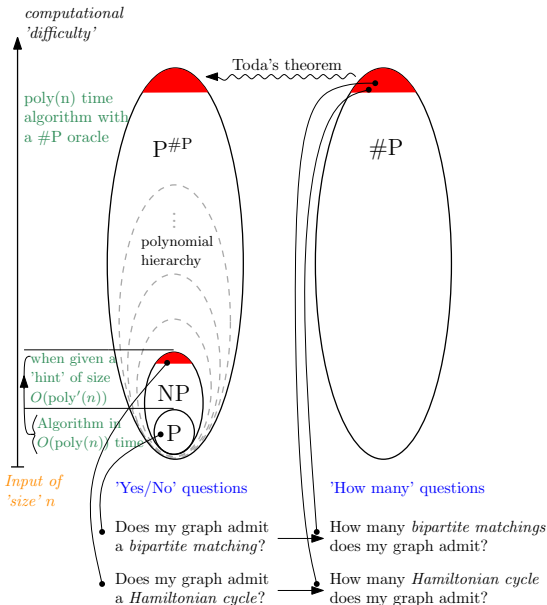




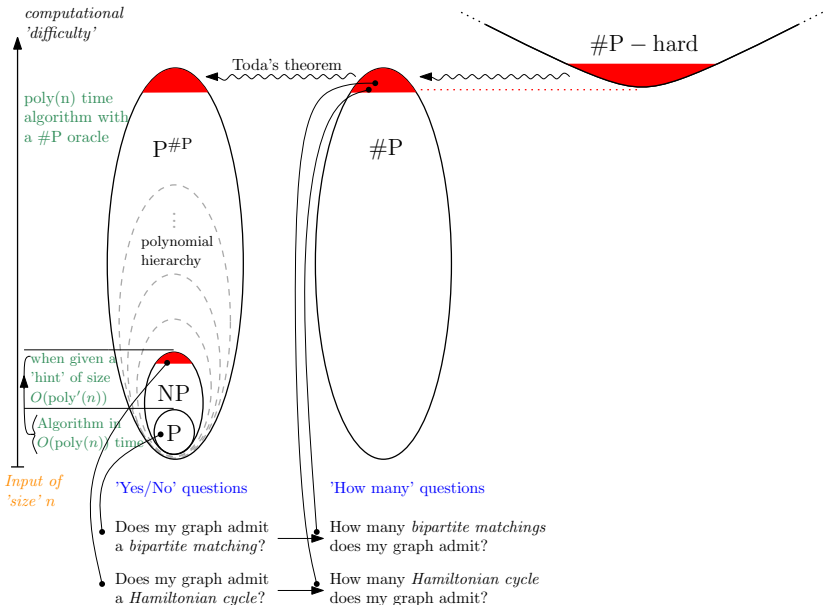
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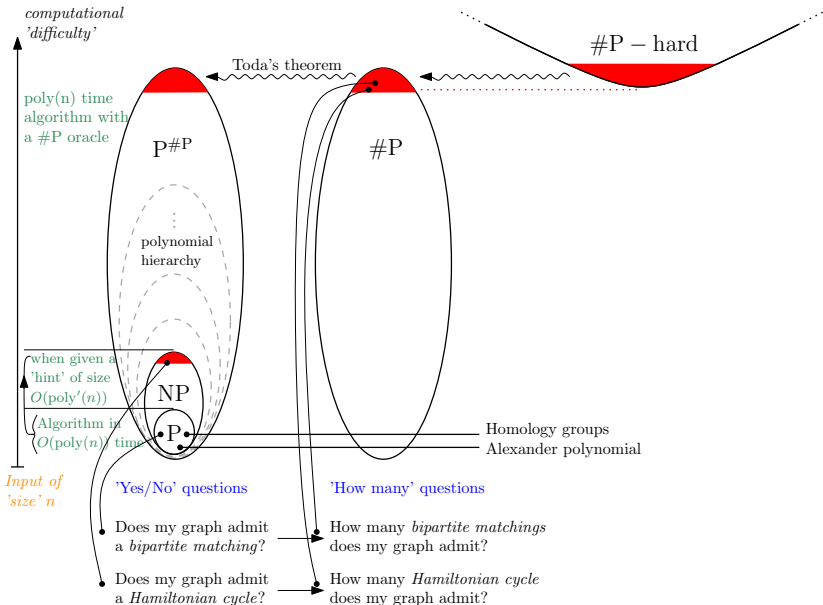
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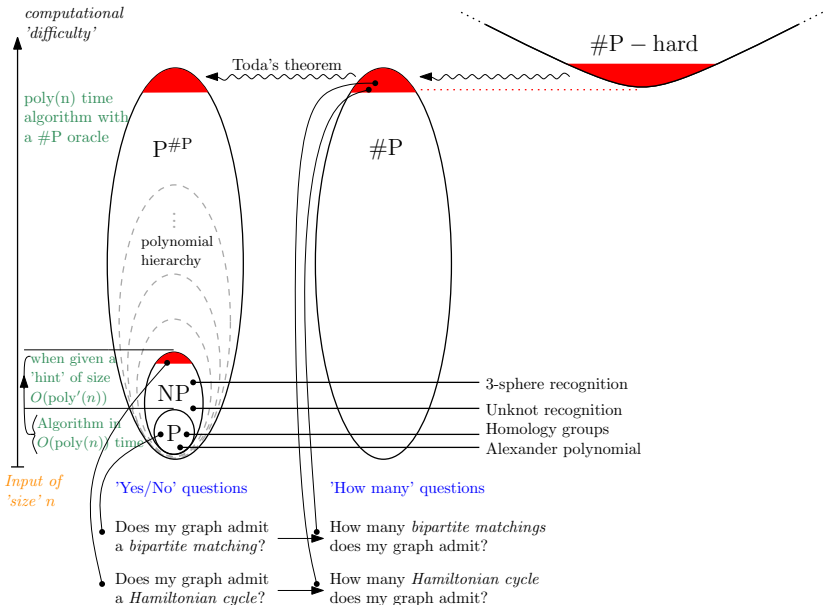
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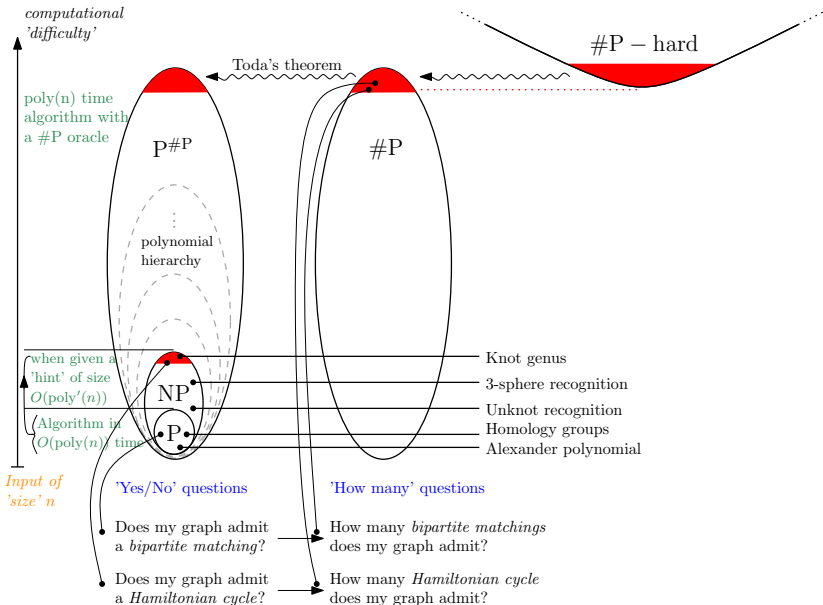
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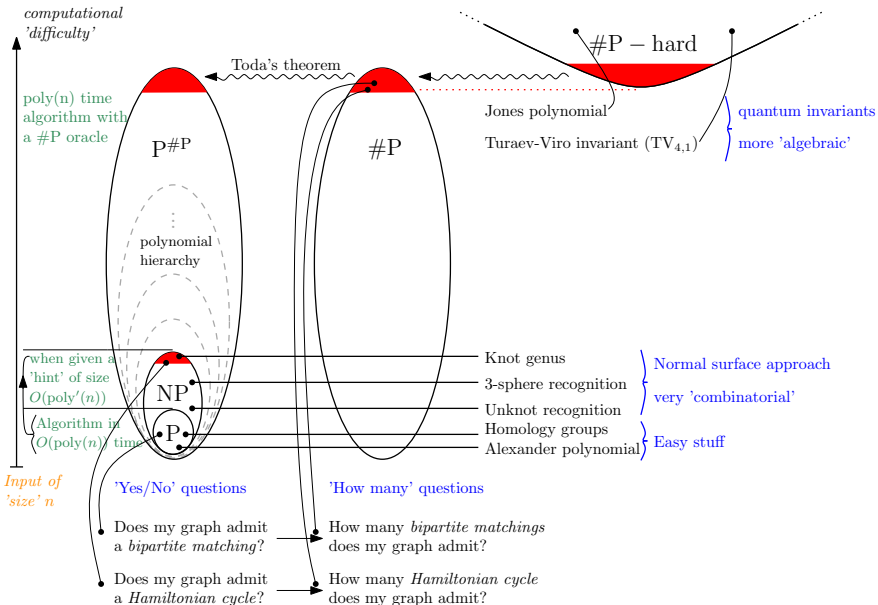
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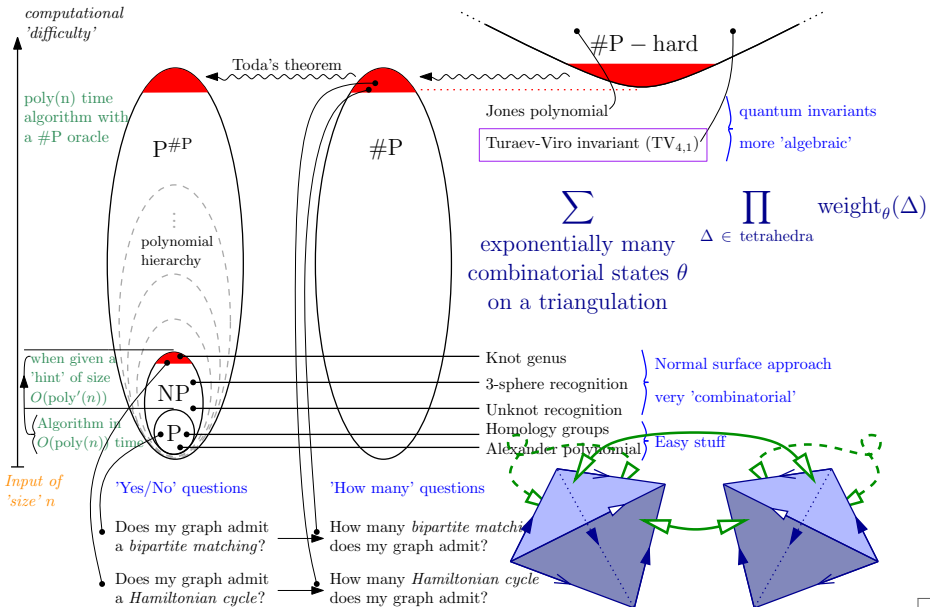
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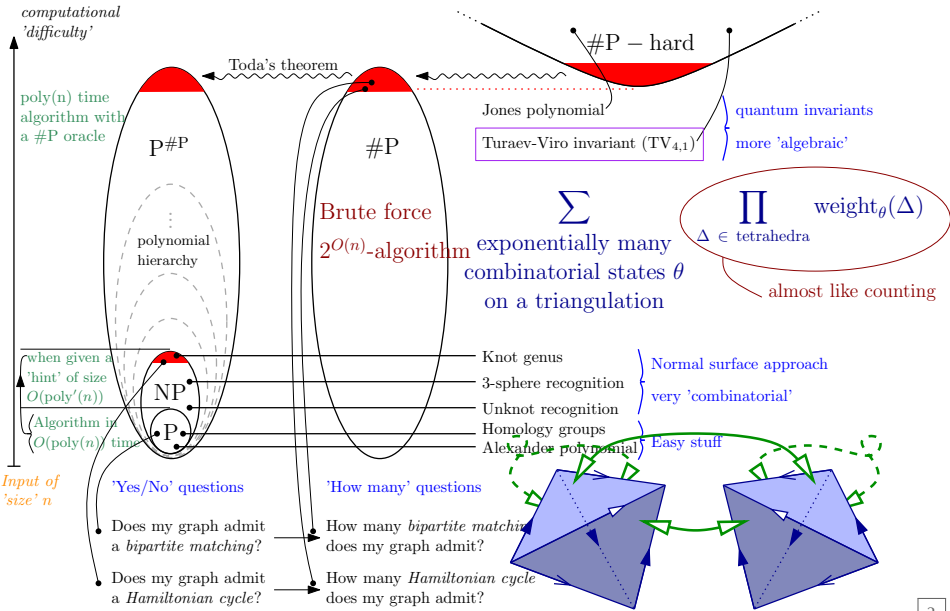


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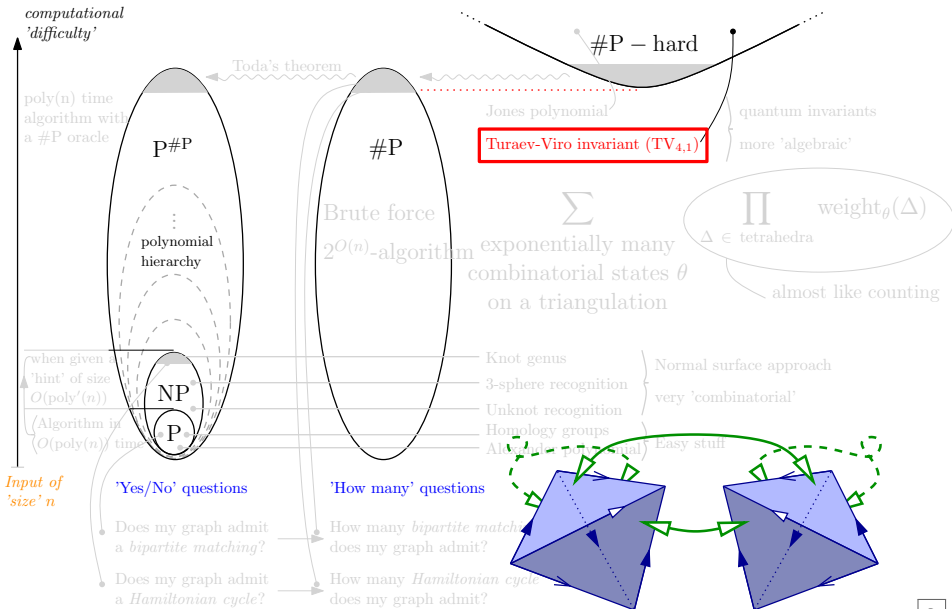




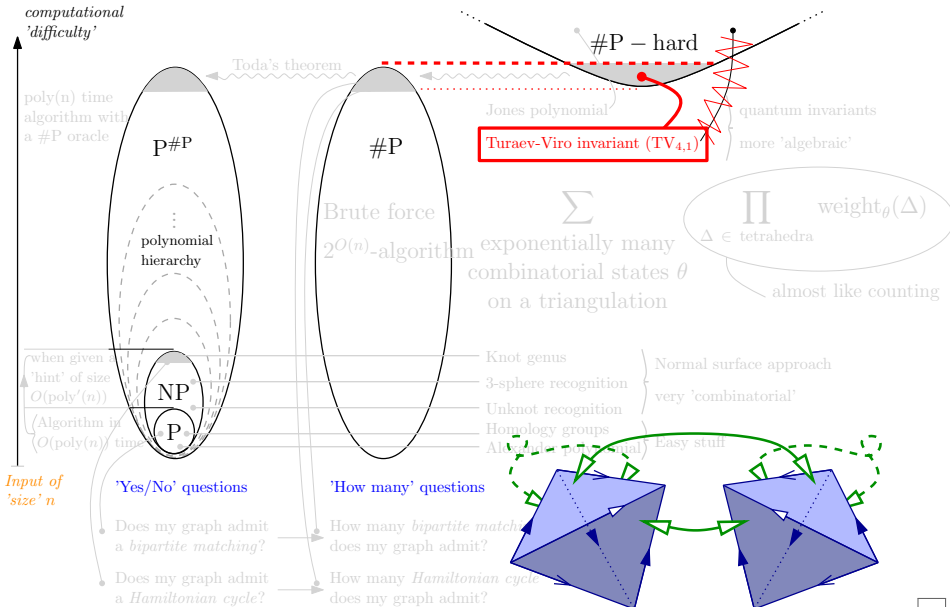
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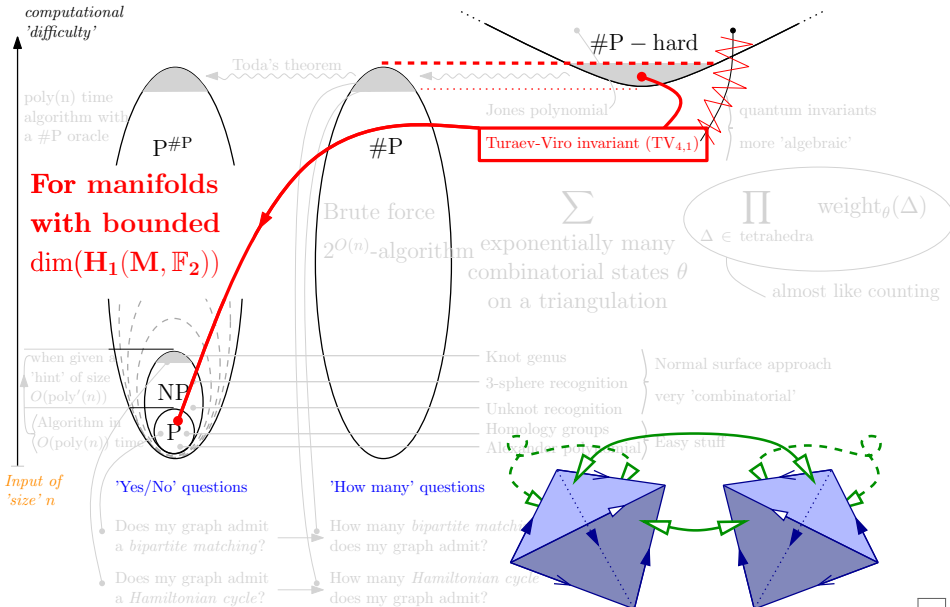
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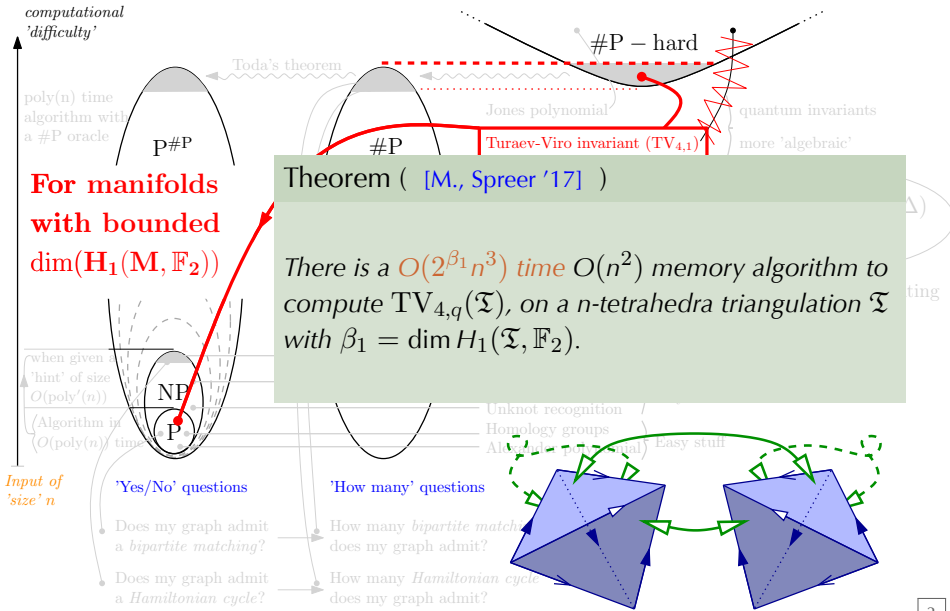
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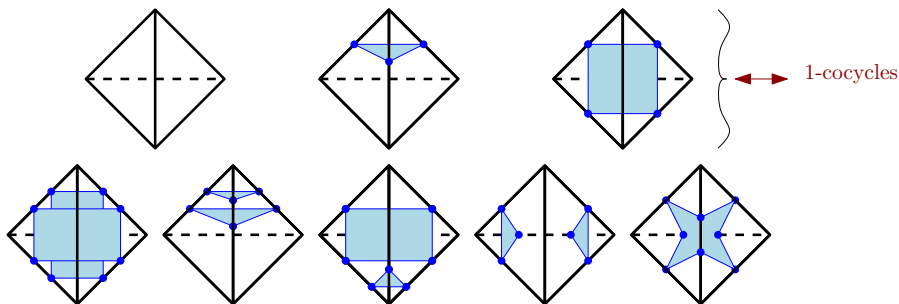


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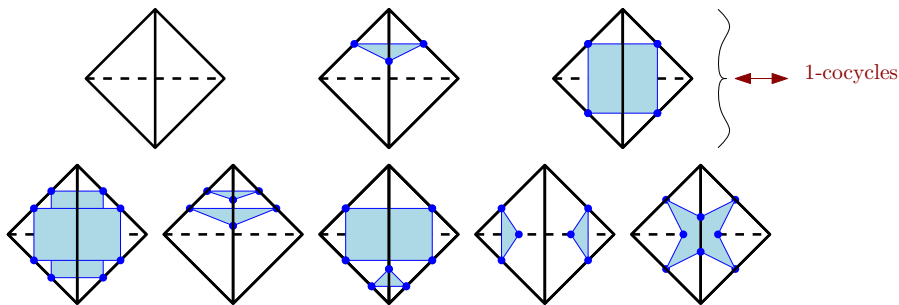


**Combinatorial states**  $\text{Adm}(\mathfrak{T}, 4)$  on a triangulation  $\mathfrak{T}$ :

- Admissible colourings  $\{\text{edges}\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  in bijection with generalised normal surfaces with tetrahedra given above.

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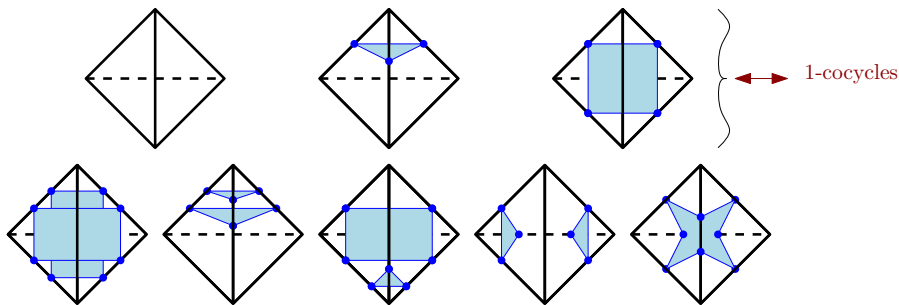
Naive algorithm in  $O(3^n)$ :

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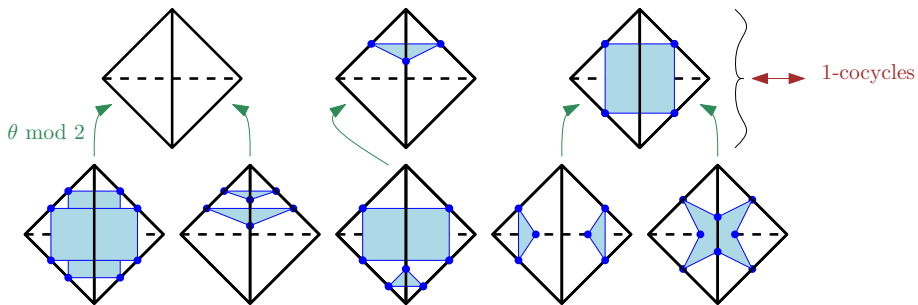


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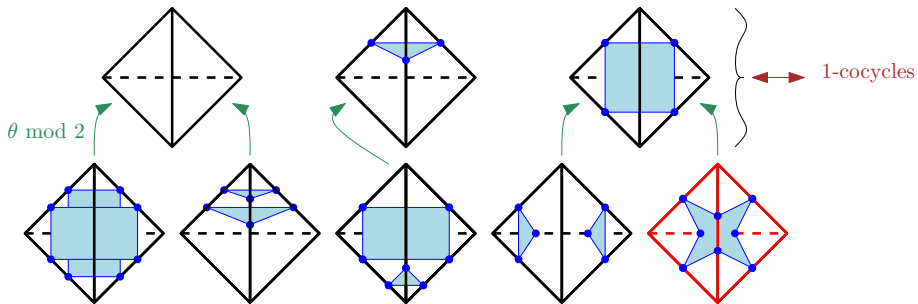


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where  $\#\text{oct.}$  denotes the number of octagons of  $\theta$ , and  $\chi(\theta \bmod 2)$  the Euler characteristic of the surface associated to the reduction mod 2 of  $\theta$ .

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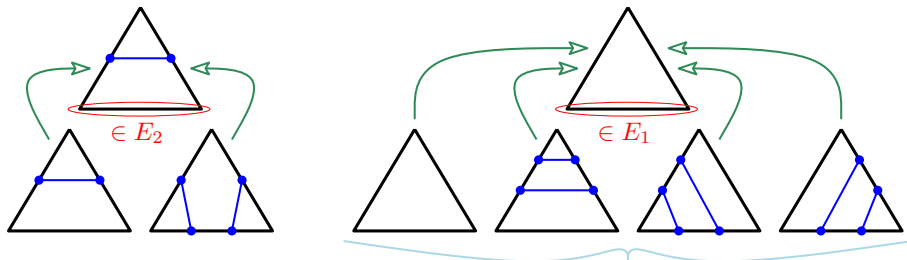
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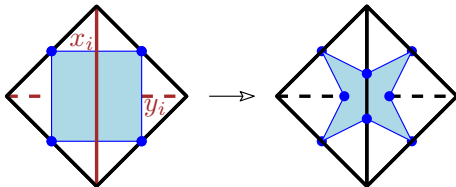


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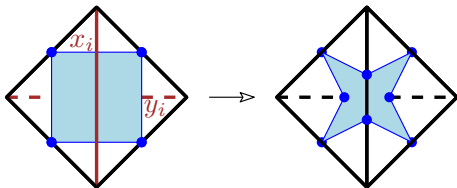
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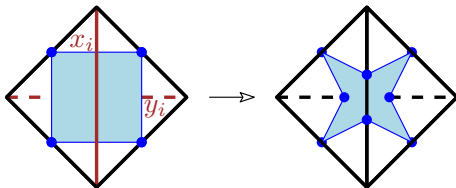
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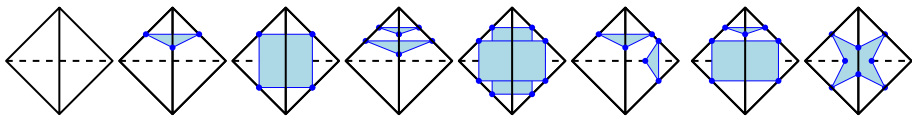
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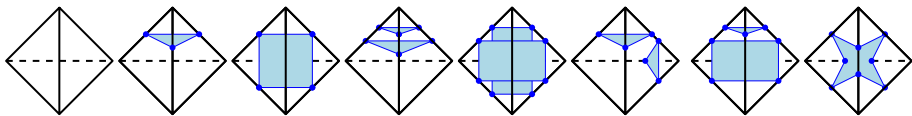
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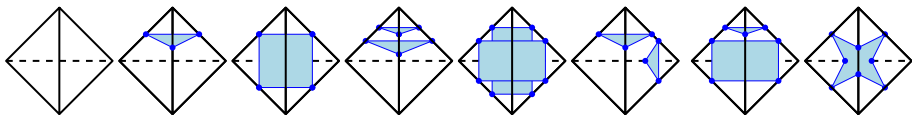


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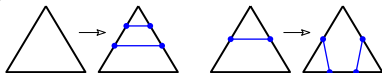
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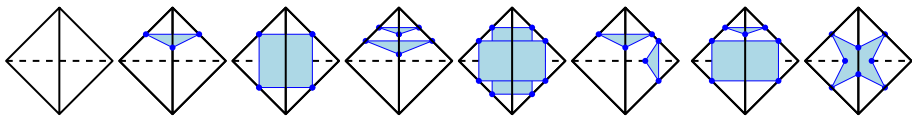
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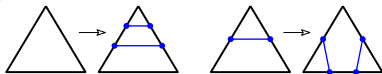
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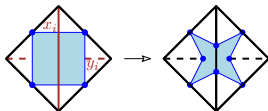
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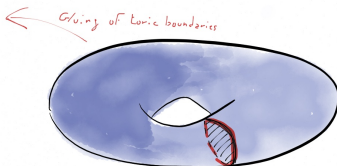
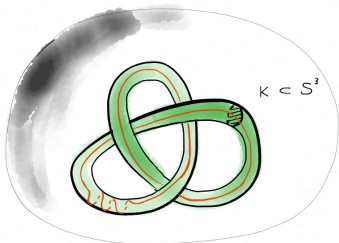
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$\longrightarrow$  (c) 3-manifold  $\mathfrak{T}$  via surgery, poly( $n$ ) tetrahedra,  $\beta_1 = n$



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Write  $\text{TV}_4(\mathfrak{T}) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (b_m^+ - b_m^-) \cdot z^m$ , where:

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